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IN REPLY REFER TO:

18 February 1952

Dr. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Josh:

Thank you for your letter of February 13. Re my second paragraph:

We add such a cautionary word so that the person may know that even the general information of this project has security implications and thereby he will not knowingly circulate such information where unnecessary. No red ink, CONFIDENTIAL documentation is involved. We are constantly plagued by having imposed on us security restrictions and at the same time having the larger responsibility of getting the job done, in this instance hiring specialists. Consequently, I am asked to and do transmit some general security information on an informal basis; since necessary, this exchange of information is not so much a matter of potential embarrassment as of responsibility as a citizen. Yours can be obviated simply by burning the letter. Or were you just Joshing me on the whole matter?

I just received a letter from Max Zelle in which he suggested that Miss Ethelyn Lively of your lab might be a possibility for M.S. level work here. Should she be interested, we would like to have her apply.

Sincerely yours,

PHILIPP GERHARDT

Chief, Laboratory Division